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My dear Goldschmidt,

I have long arrears to  
 make up to you but hitherto,  
 I have been hard driven in  
 the last few weeks and shall  
 be worse driven in the weeks  
 to come. For quite a number of  
 things must I thank you and  
 last for the review of Volles and  
 the article on iron as a protectant  
 against spiders. Volles I shall try  
 to get for the library; such  
 catalogues are invaluable. Well I  
 tell you that I had made a  
 little discovery in the Princeton  
 library here? It is - if I am  
 right - a miscell. of books and  
 author, the collector of stories  
 about Abu Nuwas by Abu

know Joseph!

Charters, when I don't understand  
I don't let him go. Waller could do the  
translating well and would be worth-  
while to Butler just in the holidays, I  
am sure.

I am just in the point of writing to  
Seward about the Muhammadan  
article. I had to ask Hastings first. We  
sometimes get tangled up.

And now, my dear Goldy, let me  
address to you again my hearty sympathy.  
You have been doing three men's work  
for thirty years and no one can stand  
that. But just consider how much you  
have done, the long array of things ac-  
complished that lies behind you. And  
consider too, how many young men you  
can rise up and guide and who were  
part, do it and always there for my  
benefit.

Hippian, about which the Fihrist  
speaks. I can find no trace  
of it elsewhere and I have  
described it for the Memorial  
Volume of President Harper. As  
to Iran, have you seen MacGregor  
Campbell's two books on the  
superstitions of the West Highlands  
of Scotland? They are excellent  
and are full of folk-lore parallels  
with the Semitic East. The writer  
himself used as a boy to carry  
an iron nail in his pocket as  
a protection. I have sometimes  
wondered whether in the cry  
Hatched ya mark'um there  
did not lie also the idea of piercing.  
Pressing to thee! O unluckily one!  
In Arabic you can have several  
ideas at once.

Dr. Jacobs Tarikh al Kibla. I  
will notice in the Notes if I  
am permitted. It has a new  
editor now, who does not always

heartening and guidance. And  
still more for the gift of your  
friendship and the sense of your  
trust. Keep your heart up and  
so on. You are young still, and  
the evil time will pass. I am  
very tired myself just now but  
it is with only fifteen years  
and I have not the sense of  
work carried through that you  
must have. And 57.11.54 75.7.57!

And now, here is a matter  
of my own which I put before  
you in confidence. The Hebrew  
Chair in the University of Glasgow  
will be vacant in June just  
— so I am assured. The appointment  
is made by the University Court  
twelve men. To them I must  
make printed applications with  
testimonials as to scholarship  
etc. Can I look for you again  
to help me? This, so far as I can

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see is my best chance of return  
to Scotland and Glasgow is  
my own University. The thing,  
I am told, will be determined  
by testimonials from scholars and  
by influence. I have no influence,  
so I must pile up testimonials.  
You told me, I think, that de  
Goeje had expressed himself  
favourably about my work.  
I do not know him personally,  
but, perhaps, it would be possible  
for you to obtain from him a  
few lines to my credit. The point  
is simply his opinion of my  
published work. Whether Budge  
would be willing to do the  
same, I have greater doubt. He  
saw me at St Louis but he  
does not think much of my  
ideas about Job. Still, if he  
would write something about  
me, it would be a great help.  
This testimonial-hunting, as

of my life in all probably almost certainly  
will be spent in the country. And so  
that I am not yet recruited.

A day or two ago Mr. Macdonald sent  
a Hartford newspaper containing a column  
in the death of her mother to you and  
Mr. Goldinger. I hope it reached you  
safely. You will remember meeting Mr.  
Bartlett in Hartford.

We both send our best wishes to  
your both and I earnestly hope soon  
to hear of your return to health.

Yours truly

Simon B. Macdonald.

you can understand, is a very  
unpleasant business, but there  
is no other way. All Scottish  
Chairs are given as applications and  
testimonials.

But I must say another thing.  
The chair will not be formally  
vacant until June first, and  
my testimonials must not bear  
a date earlier than that. Could  
they, then, be sent to me early  
in June addressed to me —  
Care of Mr. Norman Macdonald,  
"Charing Cross Mansions,  
Dandochall Street,  
Glasgow,  
Scotland.

I sail from here on June first.  
I hint in all this I am not  
laying too heavy an addition  
to your burdens as you. This  
matter is practically the turning  
point of my life; if I do not  
get the Glasgow Chair the rest





